

Exhibit D

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will coordinate with stakeholders to implement the Groundwater Management Plan to ensure the health of the basin.

March 13, 2012

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Chairman Patterson and Board of Supervisors,

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee formed nearly a year ago as a result of the implementation of the Paso Robles Groundwater Management Plan, which was prepared in cooperation with the County of San Luis Obispo and the City of Paso Robles. The Committee is an independent group of stakeholders and interested parties, and has taken on the responsibility of implementing the Groundwater Management Plan. The commitment of the Committee is founded in a commonly shared goal while representing a broad spectrum of interests. The Committee has made significant progress in a short period of time.

The Committee began their mission by evaluating the Resource Capacity Study, the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) and developed a comprehensive Task List necessary to implement the GMP. These tasks were prioritized and responsibilities for completing the tasks were assigned.

The Committee has completed the following tasks:

1. Developed a detailed prioritized Task List.
2. Expanded and finalized the membership of the Committee
3. Researched and prepared a Master List of parcels in areas specifically identified as needing additional well monitoring.
 - a. Coordinated a one on one outreach program to contact well owners to become part of the water level monitoring plan and added 20 more parcels to the well monitoring program.
 - b. Provided County Staff with well owner data and contact information for follow through.
4. Formed an Educational Sub-Committee which produced an educational brochure to inform a broad spectrum of water users on water conservation.
 - a. Coordinated with County Staff and other resources for funding mailing of brochure.
5. Formed a Groundwater Modeling Committee to develop a Scope of Work for updating the Groundwater Model which has not been updated in 15 years.
 - a. Developed a preliminary scope of work and budget.
6. Evaluated options for Committee structure, maintaining a high priority on the importance of the Committee being stakeholder driven without any particular political priorities or alliances.
 - a. Determined after detailed review that the "Blue Ribbon Committee" structure was the most appropriate.
7. Began a comprehensive self assessment plan to analytically quantify baselines, data assumptions and specific approaches to determine if there are methods to provide measurable results.
8. Initiated a very proactive Solutions oriented approach, brainstorming on Short Term and Long Term Solutions to ensure the health of the basin.

Exhibit D

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee requests the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt of the Paso Robles Groundwater Management Plan.
2. Recognize of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee as a Blue Ribbon Committee.
3. Continue support of our efforts to protect and enhance our water resources.

We particularly appreciate the support from Chairman Patterson who has personally attended the majority of our meetings and Supervisor Mecham who has provided the strength of conviction in addressing the challenges of managing the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

Respectfully yours,



Larry Werner
Chairman

Exhibit D

March 14, 2012

Courtney Howard
SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
976 Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan

I am a rural resident and a well owner in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. I have participated on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan Groundwater Advisory Committee since its inception and have been involved with the North County Water Forum for a number of years. I am currently an At-Large member of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee, and have indicated that I am willing to participate on the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan (Plan).

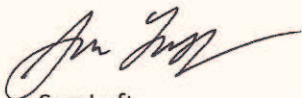
The purpose of the Plan is to develop a common understanding of the groundwater issues and management opportunities in the Basin and to identify and support projects such as conjunctive use, recycled wastewater, and demand management, which will improve groundwater management.

Following development of the Plan, the goal is to implement the activities identified in the Plan to achieve the Basin Management Objectives that are identified in the Plan. A primary goal of the Plan is to locally manage and protect groundwater resources for all beneficial uses in a long-term sustainable, environmentally sound, economical, and equitable manner.

Basin Management Objectives (BMOs) were developed as both broad-level BMOs and more specific BMOs for each subarea. In general, BMOs were selected to maintain or stabilize groundwater levels at or near current conditions. For the Creston subarea, where our property is located, the BMO is to stop the decline and stabilize levels at 2009 levels. As a stakeholder, I support the Basin Management Objectives.

I support the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan, dated February 2011, which was submitted to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin – Groundwater Advisory Committee.

Please contact me with any questions.



Sue Luft
4561 Almond Drive
Templeton, CA 93465
805-227-4785

cc: Larry Werner, Chair
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Steering Committee